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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS -- NEW SHAN PROPOSAL

REF: A. BANGKOK 2001; B. RANGOON 329

- 1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF, WHO WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK NEXT WEEK, INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH HIS STAFF AIDE ON FEBRUARY 12 THAT HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE NEW SHAN PROPOSAL REPORTED IN REF A. WE INDICATED THAT, SINCE COWELL CLAIMED IT CONTAINED FEATURES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PROPOSED EARLIER WHICH WE HAD SEEN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE OBTAINING A COPY FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.
- 2. WHILE RESERVING FINAL COMMENTS UNTIL THE FULL TEXT HAS BEEN STUDIED, OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS BRIEFLY ARE THAT THE OBJECTIONS TO ENTERING INTO ANY KIND OF COMPACT WITH THE INSURGENT GROUPS FAR OUTWEIGH THE CONCEIVABLE POSITIVE RESULTS. WE AGREE COMPLETELY THAT THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN SECRET

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PARA 5 OF REF B REQUIRE ANSWERING. AWARE OF THE INCREAS-

INGLY CHAOTIC SITUATION IN SHAN STATE, HOWEVER, IT IS
QUESTIONABLE HOW VALID AT LEAST SOME OF THE ANSWERS WOULD
BE FOR A SIGNIF, CANT PERIOD OF TIME. SHIFTING ALLIANCES,
BCP ADVANCES, AND GUB MILITARY PRESSURES ALL CONTRIBUTE TO
AN INTRACTABLE ATMOSPHERE DEFYING DESCRIPTION LET ALONE

## UNDERSTANDING.

- 3. AS FOR YOUR SUGGESTED APPROACH TO THE GUB, WE AGREE THAT THE BURMESE WOULD HAVE TO BE INFORMED OF THE PROPOSAL ONCE WE HAVE STUDIED IT AND ALSO OF OUR DISASSOCIATION WITH IT FOR THE REASONS CITED PARA 7 REF B.
- 4. FURTHER GUIDANCE WILL BE SENT ONCE THE FULL TEXT BECOMES AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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